

**UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS**

**PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION FOR**

**BA (Hons) FILM PRODUCTION (4 year)**

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*This Programme Specification is designed for prospective students, current students, academic staff and potential employers. It provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the intended learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the teaching, learning and assessment methods, learning outcomes and content of each unit can be found in the Unit Descriptors.*

## Section A – Material Course Information

Validating Body	University for the Creative Arts <sup>1</sup>		
Teaching Body	UCA		
Final Award Title and Type	BA (Hons)		
Course Title	Film Production 4 year		
Course Location and Length	Campus: Farnham	Length: Full-time - 4 years	
Mode of Study	Full-time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-time
Period of Validation	2017/18 to 2021/22		
Name of Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body	NA		
Type of Accreditation	NA		
Accreditation due for renewal	NA		
<p>Entry criteria and requirements<sup>2</sup> Portfolios are not compulsory for the four-year option – however, if you do have some work you'd like to share with us, this would be very welcome.</p> <p>The standard entry requirements** for this course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64 UCAS tariff points from accepted qualifications*, or</li> <li>• Pass at Foundation Diploma in Art &amp; Design (Level 3 or 4), or</li> <li>• Merit, Pass, Pass at BTEC Extended Diploma, or</li> <li>• Pass at UALAB Extended Diploma, or</li> <li>• 64 UCAS tariff points from an accredited Access to Higher Education Diploma in appropriate subject</li> </ul> <p>And four GCSE passes at grade A*-C and/or grade 4-9 including English (or Functional Skills English/Key Skills Communication Level 2).</p> <p>Other relevant and equivalent level 3 UK and international qualifications are considered on an individual basis, and we encourage students from diverse educational backgrounds apply.</p> <p>If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent. If you require a visa to study in the UK, you will also need a minimum score of 5.5 in each individual component.</p> <p><i>*To see the accepted QCF qualifications, visit: <a href="http://uca.ac.uk/study/accepted-qualifications/">http://uca.ac.uk/study/accepted-qualifications/</a></i>  <i>** We occasionally make offers which are lower than the standard entry criteria, to students who have faced difficulties that have affected their performance and who were expected to achieve higher results. In these cases, a strong portfolio is especially helpful.</i></p>			
Overall methods of assessment <sup>3</sup>	Written exams:	Practical exams:	Coursework:

<sup>1</sup> Regulated by the Office for Students

<sup>2</sup> This should be the standard University Criteria unless otherwise approved by the Academic Board and include UCAS entry profile for undergraduate courses.

<sup>3</sup> As generated by the most popular unit descriptors and calculated for the overall course stage data.

	Stage 0	0.0%	0.0%	100%
	Stage 1	0.0%	0.0%	100%
	Stage 2	0.0%	0.0%	100%
	Stage 3	0.0%	0.0%	100%
Overall Learning & Teaching hours <sup>4</sup>		Scheduled:	Independent:	Placement:
	Stage 0	40.0%	60.0%	0%
	Stage 1	480 hours	720 hours	0 hours
		38.8%	61.3%	0%
	Stage 2	465 hours	735 hours	0 hours
		32.5%	67.5%	0%
	Stage 3	390 hours	810 hours	0 hours
		17.5%	82.5%	0%
		210 hours	990 hours	0 hours
General level of staff delivering the course <sup>5</sup>	The University's current recruitment policy for Lecturers and Senior Lecturers states that they must have either an MA or equivalent professional practice in a relevant discipline or field. All lecturing staff are encouraged to work towards a teaching qualification or professional Recognition by the Higher Education Academy and this is a requirement for Senior Lecturers. Senior Lecturers are required to be professionally active or engaged in research in their discipline. All Lecturers and Senior Lecturers undertake scholarship in their disciplines. There are also Sessional Staff to link courses with professional practice and Technicians to provide technical support.			
Language of Study	English			
Subject/Qualification Benchmark Statement: Communication, Media, Film and Cultural Studies				
Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Regulated Qualifications Framework and Ofqual Qualifications				

<sup>4</sup> As generated by the most popular unit descriptors and calculated for the overall course stage data.

<sup>5</sup> Include general information about the experience or status of the staff involved in delivering the course, for example Professor, Course Leader, Senior Lecturer

## The course structure

The structure of all of the University's awards complies with the University's [Common Credit Framework](#). The Common Credit Framework includes information about the:

- Rules for progression between the stages of a course;
- Consequences of failure for reassessment, compensation and exit awards;
- Calculation and classification of awards;

Unit codes and titles	Level	Credit value	Elective/ Core	Most popular student choice of optional elective units or elective options in core units?
<b>Year/Stage 0</b>				
FFIP3005 The Poetics of Space	3	30	Core	
FFIP3002 Personal Research Project	3	30	Core	
FFIP3003 Practices of Looking	3	30	Core	
FFIP3004 Storytelling and Staging	3	30	Core	
<b>Year/Stage 1</b>				
FFIP4009 Encounters	4	30	Core	
FFIP4010 Stories for the Screen	4	30	Core	
FFIP4012 Screen Craft 1	4	30	Core	
FFIP4011 Screen Studies 1	4	30	Core	
<b>Year/Stage 2</b>				
FFIP5033 Production Roles	5	30	Core	
FFIP5034 Short Film Production	5	30	Core	
FFIP5031 Creative Documentary	5	30	Core	
FFIP5029 Screen Studies 2	5	30	Elective	Yes
FFIP5032 Contextual Film Studies (Study Abroad)	5	30	Elective	No
XXXX5060 Study Abroad Exchange	5	60	Elective	No
<b>Year 3</b>				
FFIP6008 Filmmaking Portfolio	6	60	Core	
FFIP6009 Extended Research Project	6	30	Core	
FFIP6010 Projections	6	30	Core	

## Section B - Course Overview

The BA (Hons) Film Production course at the University seeks to provide a challenging educational experience and emphasises critical understanding, creative practice and collaborative working, social awareness and responsibility. We encourage students to challenge their preconceptions, work imaginatively and be curious about the world which they aim to represent.

The course is designed in accordance with the vocational emphasis of the University's mission statement and strategic aims to equip students with a broad range of competencies and skills in film production and the opportunity to gain specialist knowledge whilst fostering creativity.

The course philosophy is grounded in the belief that working in moving image is a social practice and students are encouraged to consider their work in terms of its contemporary meaning and relevance. Students explore both documentary and its associated forms and fiction and storytelling. The course promotes an integrated approach to

theory and practice and students are encouraged to recognise the relationships between historical knowledge of the medium and theoretical understanding of their own practice.

Alongside group activities students are expected to undertake independent study and research which, together with the broader transferable skills equips them for their chosen area of employment, lifelong learning and creative practice or postgraduate study.

With a strong commitment to traditional craft-based skills, the course is well equipped with 16mm film and digital video production and post-production facilities, a purpose-built studio and cinema, and enjoys strong links with and valued support from the industry.

### Section C - Course Aims

The course aims to enhance students' employability and support their creativity by enabling students to:

- A1 develop critical, intellectual, creative and practical abilities in moving image production
- A2 identify and explain the critical and theoretical debates and historical developments in moving image production and their relationship to wider cultural contexts
- A3 engage productively in team working and sustained independent study
- A4 achieve a high standard of working knowledge of production processes
- A5 prepare themselves for employment in the audio-visual industries, for lifelong learning or post-graduate study through the development of specialist and transferable skills in moving image practice and theory.

### Section D - Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course students are able to:

#### Knowledge and Understanding

- LO1 engage with creative and productive group working and peer group learning
- LO2 demonstrate an ability for sustained independent study, research and problem-solving.
- LO3 consider and evaluate their own work in a reflexive manner with reference to academic and professional issues, debates and conventions
- LO4 understand and deploy knowledge of practical processes, approaches and skills in moving image production and theory, some of which are at the forefront of the discipline

#### Application

- LO5 identify and apply a range of transferable skills and qualities in the appropriate professional, social or educational context including the exercise of initiative, personal responsibility and decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts
- LO6 understand the wider cultural and social context of moving image practice and demonstrate an awareness of the responsibility of the practitioner towards subjects and audiences.

## Section E - Learning, Teaching and Assessment

### Learning and Teaching Strategy

Learning and teaching on the Film Production course combines structured teaching and independent study to give students maximum responsibility for the management of their own learning.

Practical projects are taught through a pattern of technical and creative workshops, tutorials, reviews and final critiques or reviews which encourage a high level of learner activity, interaction with others and combine peer and self-assessment in the reflection encouraged by the debates. The group working practices support sustained learner activity and interaction with others through the production of a shared outcome. These activities are supported and monitored through online blogs and e-learning (MyUCA and Edmodo).

Practice units in the final year require students to develop their own briefs, negotiating their own schedule of work and specific outcomes and these are supported through the production of Learning Agreements, on which staff will give constructive feedback. Presentation skills are developed throughout the course in reviews and critiques and in specific units where group or individual presentations and pitches (modeled on current professional practice) form part of the assessment requirements.

The more formal academic units where lectures and screenings form the basis of the teaching are supported through seminars and tutorials where students' learning is tested through their verbal reasoning. They are prepared for the assessment tasks through detailed briefings and workshops.

Professional skills are developed through workshop attendance, project work, work placement experience and extra curricula engagement with the medium which is supported by tutorials throughout the course in conjunction with the Careers Department and culminates in a professionally produced CF and online presence in the final Filmmaking Portfolio unit.

Formal teaching on the course is supplemented by organised field trips to festivals, master classes, exhibitions, trade fairs, museums and galleries (including Sheffield International Documentary Film Festival, the School of Sound, and events at the BFI Southbank and the London Film Festival, the National Gallery, the Photographers' Gallery and the V and A) and special guest screenings at the Farnham Maltings including the Future Shorts touring programme. Recent examples include a special screening of 'Notes on Blindness' by Peter Middleton and James Spinney with a Q and A session led by Simon Aeppli (October 2016).

Visiting lecturers give regular presentations of their own working practice and industry professionals are involved in teaching the specialist workshops. Recent examples include a visit by our graduate Danielle Clarke whose graduation project, Britain's Young Soldiers with director Joe Martin won the National RTS award for documentary (2010), to producing documentaries for Channel 4 and a soon-to-be-released feature film.

### Assessment Strategy

Assessment on the course includes formative feedback to students throughout the development and production process of their practical projects and is supported through our online platforms using MyUCA and Edmodo for group blogs.

Group working is supported through tutorials and debriefing sessions after the presentation of final projects with students encouraged to reflect on their own contribution to the processes involved in the production of a shared outcome.

Written work is developmental in its approach to formative assessment with online submission of illustrated essays.

## Section F - Enhancing the Quality of Learning and Teaching

The course is subject to the University's rigorous quality assurance procedures which involve subject specialist and internal peer review of the course at periodic intervals, normally of 5 years. This process ensures that the course engages with the applicable national Subject Benchmarks and references the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications.

All courses are monitored on an annual basis where consideration is given to:

- External Examiner's Reports
- Key statistics including data on retention and achievement
- Results of the Student Satisfaction Surveys
- Feedback from Student Course Representatives